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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

THAI FONMIN INVITED VISIT LAOS. MOVE EXPECTED HELP BRING ABOUT NORMALIZATION RELS, FROZEN FOR NEARLY YR (AFP, NYT). LAOS, YEMEN ESTABLISH DIPL RELS (AFP, WP).

VN GOVT SAYS WILL RELEASE 205 THAI FISHERMEN, THEIR BOATS SEIZED FOR ALLEGEDLY VIOLATING TERRITORIAL WATERS (WSTAR 7/19; WP). ACTION APPEARS MOVE IN HANOI CAMPAIGN IMPROVE RELS WITH NON-COMMUNIST SEA GOVTS (WSTAR 7/19).

BOMB THROWN INTO STUDENT CROWD IN NE KHON KHAEN PROV, THAILAND, KILLS 8 (WSTAR 7/19; AFP, WP; AP, NYT). NO CLUES AS TO MOTIVE, THOUGH BIG INCREASE IN STUDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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VIOLENCE SINCE 1973, DUE RIVALRY BETWEEN RADICALS/ CONSERVATIVES, DIFFERENT SCHOOLS, GANGS (WSTAR 7/19).

2. INDONESIA

BALI EARTHQUAKE TOLL NOW OVER 500 DEAD (WP; AP NYT, NYDN). FOOD, MEDICINE URGENT NEEDS (AP, NYDN). AID

OFFERS COME FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, US (AP, NYT).

3. HONG KONG

NARC OFFICIALS FROM US, UK, CANADA BEGIN 3-DAY CONFERENCE (AFP, WP).

4. SINGAPORE

US PREPARES FORMAL OFFER SELL 21 F-5ES TO SINGAPORE FOR OVER 100 MILLION DOLS (REUTER WASHINGTON).

5. NEW ZEALAND

IOC SAYS OFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL LETTERS RECEIVED FROM 13 COUNTRIES SO FAR, WITH 4 OTHERS HAVING GIVEN NOTIFICATION THAT PREPARING LEAVE, DUE BOYCOTT AGAINST NZ. FEW OTHERS EXPECTED FOLLOW, BUT EXACT NUMBER UNCLEAR (CADDY, NYT).

6. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

SCIENTIST FOUND NG TRIBE THAT DE-EMPHASIZES SEX, FEUDING, CONSIDERS REST OF WORLD PEOPLED BY SEX MANIACS (UPI, CDN 7/17-18).

7. KOREA

US ARMY HELICOPTER CRASHED 25 MILES NE SEOUL MONDAY. KILLED TWO CREW MEMBERS, CRITICALLY INJURED THIRD. CAUSE UNKNOWN (AP, CHITRIB, WP).
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8. JAPAN

TYPHOON HIT KYUSHU MONDAY. LEFT THREE DEAD, EIGHT INJURED, FLOODED 1,000 HOMES. EXPECTED WEAKEN BEFORE REACHING TOKYO (AP, CHITRIB).

PROSECUTORS ARRESTED MARUBENI EXEC, DRIVER MONDAY, ON CHARGES DESTROYED LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS. ACCUSED OF MANIPULATING DRIVING SCHEDULE OF CAR DRIVEN FOR FORMER EXEC HIROSHI ITOH 1964-66 TO CONCEAL WHERE WAS TAKEN (AP, NYT, WP, PHINQ).

9. JAPAN/CHINA

INFORMED SOURCES SAID SEN MANSFIELD TOLD MIKI FRIDAY
US MOVING TOWARD DIP RELATIONS WITH PRC, BUT NORMALIZATION
WOULD NOT COME AS SHOCK TO JAPAN LIKE ANNOUNCEMENT NIXON
PRC TRIP 1972. ALSO TOLD PM NEXT PRES, NO MATTER WHO
ELECTED, WOULD PROMOTE CLOSER TIES WITH WEUR, JAPAN
(AP, LAT 7/17).

10. CHINA

TRAVELERS REPORT WALLPOSTERS STRONGLY ATTACKING 3 PRO-
VINCIAL LEADERS AS TENG HSIAO-PING FOLLOWERS UP IN NANKING
(WP).

TAIWAN OLYMPIC TEAM RETURNED TO TAIPEI 7/19 AMID HEROES'
WELCOME. SOME 2,000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING AMERICAN WELL-WISH-
ERS ON HAND EXTEND SUPPORT/SYMPATHY (CSM, NYDN).

GROUP CALLING ITSELF "AD HOC CMTE FOR KEEPING POLITICS
OUT OF THE OLYMPICS" DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT CANADIAN CON-
SULATE NY. FOUR OUT OF 25 PROTESTORS WENT TO CG'S OFFICE,
PRESENTED LETTER OF "CONDEMNATION"; ACTING CG MILEARD
ACCEPTED LETTER, PROMISED TO FORWARD TO TRUDEAU (NYT).

STD OIL INDIANA TO HAVE 50 PCT INTEREST IN 100 MIL DOL
JOINT VENTURE IN TAIWAN FOR ANNUAL PRODUCTION 150,000
TONS TEREPHTHALIC ACID, USED IN POLYESTER FIBRE PRODUC-
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TION (NYT).

MUNRO (CSM), IN PEKING, WITNESSES CHINESE WEDDING CERE-
MONY BETWEEN CANADIAN/SWISS EMBASSY WORKERS: FEW QUES-
TIONS, SOME SIMPLE FORMS ALL THAT REQUIRED FOR 15-MINUTE
CEREMONY (ALSO IN WP).

AP (LAT 7/18) VISITS ONLY CHINESE RESTAURANT IN MOSCOW.
ALTHOUGH DECOR "IMPRESSIVELY CHINESE," FOOD BASICALLY
RUSSIAN AND NO SOY SAUCE AVAILABLE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. SINGAPORE

OIL EXECUTIVES CLAIM GLOOMY PROSPECTS FOR SINGAPORE'S OIL
INDUSTRY DUE TO CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE ON US OIL FIRMS,
ALTHOUGH SOME SINGAPORE-BASED ANALYSTS ALSO INCLUDE COM-
MUNIST TAKEOVER INDOCHINA, MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE EFFORTS GAIN
LARGER SHARE FOR OIL FIRMS AS PART PROBLEM. US COMPANIES
OPERATING IN/AROUND ISLAND PULLING OUT SEVERAL HUNDRED EM-
PLOYEES; OIL COMPANY SOURCE SAYS RECENT LEGISLATION LIM-
ITING MAX FOR TAX CREDITS, DISVESTITURE BILL NOW BEFORE
SENATE HAVE HEAD OFFICES "RUNNING SCARED" (SIMONS, WP 7/19).

12. MALAYSIA

CSM (IN KL) SAYS MALAYSIA STILL "PRIME TARGET" FOR US INVESTMENT DESPITE POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY. FACED WITH LARGE FON OWNERSHIP ITS OWN CAPITAL, GOM ENFORCING "MALAYANIZATION POLICY" AGAINST FON BUSINESSMEN. MANY FIRMS FEEL POLICY WON'T KILL FON BUSINESS, BUT WILL CAUSE DEGREE ADJUSTMENT. CSM STATES PM ONN HAS SHOWN "UNEXPECTED FIRMNESS" IN DEALING WITH POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE INTERNAL PROBLEMS, AND MOST OBSERVERS THINK COUNTRY NOW ABLE WEATHER ITS POLITICAL STORMS.

13. INDOCHINA/ASEAN

LAT'S MCARTHUR (7/17) REPORTS VN'S PHAN HIEN GREETED UNCRITICALLY IN PHILS, BUT HAD COOLER RECEPTION AT UNCLASSIFIED

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SINGAPORE. QUOTES EXPERT THAT NO EVIDENCE HANOI'S BASIC POSITION CHANGED; HIEN TRIP PROBABLY REFLECTS VN ACCEPTANCE HAS TO CURB TEMPORARILY INTL REVOLUTIONARY ZEAL DUE DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES. SAYS SOME FEEL HANOI NEED PAY MORE ATTENTION INTERNAL PROBLEMS FORCESCHANGE IN TIMETABLE BUT NOT LONG-TERM GOAL - TO BE DOMINANT FORCE IN SEA. POINTS OUT RICE SHORTFALLS IN VN, CUT IN RATION.

14. KOREA

LAT (7/19) SUMMARIZES SUNDAY WP EXPOSE OF EMOTIONAL/FINANCIAL WOES BESETTING REP LEGGETT (CALIF). CITES ALLEGATION OF LIAISON WITH SPEAKER ALBERT AIDE, KOREAN-BORN SUZI THOMSON, BELIEVED CLOSE KCIA. NOTES DOJ PROBING ALLEGATIONS POSSIBLE ILLEGAL TRANSMISSION CLASSIFIED INFO TO WHICH HAD ACCESS AS MEMBER HASC, WHICH LEGGETT HAS DENIED. ADDS DOJ ALSO PROBING ALLEGATIONS LEGGETT/REP ADDABBO (NY) ACCEPTED BRIBES FROM ROKG LAST FALL. SAYS LEGGETT NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

LAT'S JAMESON (LAT 7/19) IN SEOUL SUMMARIZES GOVT SURVEY OF 14 LOW-PAYING INDUSTRIES. NOTES LED TO RECOMMENDATION RAISE MINIMUM WAGE TO 20.83 DOLS/MO. OBSERVES FRUITS OF SPECTACULAR BOOM UNDER PRES PARK HAVE NOT FILTERED DOWN TO SIGNIFICANT MINORITY OF WORKERS. SAYS AVERAGE WAGE IN INDUSTRIES SURVEYED 101.46 DOL/MO, BUT EXPORT-RELATED INDUSTRY PAYS BELOW AVERAGE--FROM HIGH 80/83 DOL/MO IN TEXTILES, LOW 57.08 DOL/MO LAST YEAR. NOTES ECON PLANNING BOARD REPORT MAKES CLEAR GRADUAL, NOT REVOLUTIONARY IMPROVEMENT WILL WOULD BE SOUGHT. CITES AMEMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO SAID WAGES BETTER PAID INDUSTRIES ON LEVEL WITH TAIWAN/HK.

15. JAPAN

BERRY (WP 7/18) REVIEWS REGISTRATION/REPORTING REQUIREMENT OF 1938 FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. NOTES DOJ, IN APPARENT DEPARTURE FROM BENIGN ATTITUDE, FILED FIRST CIVIL SUIT UNDER ACT LAST WEEK AGAINST US-JAPAN TRADE COUNCIL, ON GROUNDS MISREPRESENTED SELF AS TRADE PROMOTION ASSN WHEN UNCLASSIFIED

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IN REALITY, IS GOJ PROPAGANDA ARM. ASKS WHETHER MARKS NEW ERA OF TOUGHER APPLICATION OF LAW AGAINST LOBBYISTS, MANY OF WHOM PROMINENT FORMER USG OFFICIALS.

SEIDENBAUM (LAT 7/18) LAUDS 67-ACRE LITTLE TOKYO URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN LA. DESCRIBES APARTMENTS FOR OLDER CITIZENS, 488-ROOM NEW OTANI HOTEL. UNION CHURCH, BUDDHIST TEMPLE. SAYS JAPANESE-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ALSO PLANNED.

16. OLYMPICS

GRIMSLEY (LAT 7/17) STATES TAIWAN DESERVES GOLD MEDAL FOR BEING ONLY ONE TO EMERGE FROM OLYMPIC DELIBERATIONS "WITH ANY SPINE SHOWING." KRUMM, US DELEGATION DESERVE AT LEAST SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPPORT OLYMPIC PRINCIPLES IN TAIWAN CASE. NOTES TRUDEAU HAS LOST PRESTIGE AMONG OWN CITIZENS; HAS "SEVERELY DAMAGED" RELS W/US. SAYS ISSUE HAS HAD ONE EFFECT "OF INESTIMABLE VALUE"--AFRICAN NATIONS HAVE HAD LITTLE CHANCE TURN NZ BOYCOTT THREAT INTO "ATTENTION-GRABBING, WORLD-WATCHING" MANEUVER.

NYT PRINTS 3 LETTERS CONCERNING OLYMPICS: MONTREAL CITIZEN OPPOSES NYT'S "UNCALLED-FOR LECTURE" TO TRUDEAU; SAYS CANADA TOOK "SENSIBLE POSITION" THAT ATHLETES SHOULD IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY THEIR PROPER NAMES. OTTAWA CITIZEN REFUTES NYT OPINION THAT TRUDEAU BOWING TO PEKING; STATES HIS DECISION WAS ONLY CANADA'S DESIRE BE CONSISTENT WITH PRC RECOGNITION POLICY. AMCIT CLAIMS CANADA'S MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS MATERIALISTIC, ITS IDEOLOGIES INCREASINGLY SOCIALISTIC, AND SUGGESTS "OBVIOUS CHILL" SETTLING OVER US-CANADIAN RELS BE RECOGNIZED IN US.

SFCHRON (7/13) KNOCKS CANADA'S BREACH OF FAITH IN BARRING TAIWAN. CALLS ACT SHODDY, POLITICAL.

CHIS-T (7/16) BELIEVES US SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN COMPETING UNDER OLYMPIC FLAG, NOT NATL FLAG. SAYS WITH GAMES ORIENTED TOWARD INDIVIDUALS, NOT NATIONS, CANADA WOULD HAVE HAD NO CAUSE FOR "CYNICAL FIAT" THAT TAIWAN COULD NOT COMPETE UNDER ROC NAME MERELY BECAUSE CANADA ENJOYS UNCLASSIFIED

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TRADE SURPLUS WITH PRC.

RUTTEN (LAT 7/18) FINDS POLITICS, VIOLENCE SO MAR OLYMPICS RECENTLY THAT HAVE BECOME "WAR ON TRACK SHOES." REFERS TO CANADA'S BREACH OF FAITH WITH IOC, AFRICAN NATIONS BOYCOTT NZ. BRESLIN (LAT 7/18) ADVISES US QUIT GAMES. LAT (7/18) FINDS MONTREAL EXPERIENCE RAISES QUESTIONS ON GAMES' FUTURE: COST, SECURITY, INTRUSION IDEOLOGY, NATL/ BLOC POLITICS.

NYT OPINES WITHDRAWAL 2 DOZ NATL TEAMS INDICATES GAMES AS PRESENTLY ORGANIZED NOT WORTH HOLDING SINCE CONCEPT OPEN, SPORTING COMPETITION BEING DEBASED, WITH ATHLETES BEING EXPLOITED BY GOVTS. NOTES AFRICAN COUNTRIES MAKING POL STATEMENT HAVING NOTHING DO WITH OLYMPICS, WHILE TAIWAN WAS RESPONDING TO WHAT THOUGHT WAS SLUR BY CANADA. SEES GAMES DEGENERATING INTO CLUBBY, EXCLUSIVE, EXPENSIVE VESTIGE WITHOUT VALID CLAIM TO UNIVERSAL EXCELLENCE. ADVISES ABOLITION NATL FLAGS TO EMPHASIZE INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT.

SUN NOTES CANADA SUCCESSFULLY BARRED TAIWAN BY "DECEITFULLY DENYING" RIGHT CALL ITSELF ROC, AFRICANS WALKED OUT BECAUSE NZ RUGBY TEAM WAS IN S AF. SEES POLITICS, SPECTACLE COMBINING TO OVERWHELM WHAT IS GOOD IN GAMES. PHINQ STATES WOULD BE ILLOGICAL BAN NZ; CHIDES IOC FOR "WAFFLING,.... SURRENDER" TO CANADA ON TAIWAN TEAM. RECOMMENDS THAT INTL POLITICS BE BANNED FROM OLYMPICS. KISSINGER

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